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Intimations.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifth
Ordinary Yearly MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company
will be held at the Company's OFFICES, No.
29, Queen's Road, on MONDAY, the 25th
June, at Noon, for the purpose of present-
ing the Report of the Directors, together
with a Statement of Accounts to 30th April,
1894, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 12th to 26th
June, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

CHAS. F. HARTON,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, June 12, 1894. 1014

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Hongkong, June 12, 1894. 1013

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teenth Ordinary General MEETING of
the above Company will be held at
the Company's OFFICES, No. 2, Finlayson
Green, SINGAPORE, on THURSDAY, 5th
July, 1894, at Noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Directors' Annual Report
and Accounts to 31st December, 1893.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from 23rd June to 5th
July, 1894, both days inclusive.

Notice is hereby given that
IMMEDIATELY after the close of the
Ordinary General Meeting, an EXTRA-
ORDINARY General MEETING will be
held, for the purpose of considering, and, if
thought fit, approving the following Reso-
lution, viz.—

"That Article No. 65 of the Company's

Articles of Association be altered in
the following manner, viz.—the words

"March or April" shall be substituted

"for the month of July."

"Article No. 66 shall hereafter read—

"Subsequent General Meetings shall
be held once in every year at such
a time and place as may be proposed
by the Company in General Meeting,

and, if no other time and place

prescribed, in March or April

"every year at such time and place as
may be determined by the Directors."

By Order of the Board of Directors,

WM. MACBEAN,

Agent,

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Hongkong, June 9, 1894. 1000

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

No. 56.

ON behalf of the SHANGHAI COMMISSIONER
OF CUSTOMS, the Undersigned begs to
notify for the information of all whom it
may concern as follows:—

"CUSTOM HOUSE,

"Shanghai, 6th June, 1894.

"At the request of the TAO-TAI, acting in
accordance with recommendations of the
Consular body, the HARBOUR MASTER is

issuing a Notification requiring ALL

VESSELS from HONGKONG and CAN-

TON to anchor two miles below Harbour

"limits."

"They will then be inspected by the

"HEALTH OFFICER, and all suspected

"BAGGAGE will be landed and disinfected

"with SULPHUR VAPOUR."

"In the general interest of Passengers

"special attention is drawn to the precau-

"tory measure last mentioned."

By Order of the Board of Directors,

WM. MACBEAN,

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HONGKONG BRANCH.

Hongkong, June 9, 1894. 1000

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Hongkong, June 9, 1894. 1000

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Hongkong, June 13, 1894. 1011

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June 13:—

Rottnest Castle, for Saigon.
McBride, for Europe

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 1894.

The China Mutual Company's steamer *Kensu*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore for this port yesterday afternoon, and may be expected here on or about the 18th instant.

The master of the *Wingpan* reported at Singapore on the 6th inst., that the second mate of the vessel died two days before the arrival of the vessel, from rupture of the spleen.

At a meeting of the members of the Victoria Recreation Club, this evening, Mr. H. E. Weddhouse, C.M.G., was unanimously elected Chairman of the Club on the motion of Mr. W. H. Potts, seconded by Mr. J. M. G. Manuk.

Two British ship *Drumelain*, which went ashore at Tanegashima a fortnight ago, has been towed into Nagasaki. Capt. Burnie, Lloyd's Surveyor, left by the *Empress of China* to-day to survey the *Drumelain*. The steamer *Riversdale*, which was reported to have gone ashore in the Hainan Straits, arrived in Hongkong to-day. She will have to dock for repairs.

The following appears in the monthly progress report of the President of the Singapore Municipality:—Attention is now being paid in France and England to the alleged properties of sea water when treated by an electric current, as a powerful disinfectant and sanitary agent, especially when applied to sewage and sludge. The Commissioners have instructed Mr. Newton, the Assistant Engineer now on Jeave, and Mr. Lindsey, C.E., their agent at Glasgow, to obtain information on the subject and, if necessary, to visit one or two towns where the system is in use. This is a matter which has been referred to before in these columns. The authorities of Hongkong ought to be on the qui vive for the Singapore Commissioners' report.

REUTER has been distinguishing himself again. While advising us that the Colonial Secretary has been created a K.C.M.G. he has been advising Ceylon that Admiral Fremantle and Mr. O'Brien have been created Knights Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George! Commenting on the bestowal of these honours the *Times* of Ceylon says:—It remains for us to congratulate the late Treasurer of the Colony, the present Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, upon his elevation to a Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George—a rank in the order higher even than that which our own Governor holds. Sir Geo. T. M. O'Brien, G.C.M.G., is likely to rise higher yet if his health permit him to continue working much longer. He appears to have earned his great elevation in the present instance by the manner in which he withstood the unofficial element in the Hongkong Council on the question of official salaries which the latter wished to cut down. He is leaving Hongkong, it is said, for good, and will make room for Mr. Swettenham, whose departure from Ceylon will not, we imagine, create so great a sense of loss as that which was felt when Mr. (now Sir) Geo. T. M. O'Brien left us. Admiral Fremantle, who has also been made a G.C.M.G., has only received a step in his order, as he was a K.C.M.G. before, but as Admiral of the China Station he occupies a most responsible position, and he has doubtless earned his promotion. [Our contemporary, in a subsequent issue, surmises that Reuter has blundered, and that Mr. O'Brien has been created simply K.C.M.G.]

So much has been said and written about disinfectants, and so many correspondents have expressed their views thereon, that it is doubtful whether, after all, there is really an increase of wisdom in proportion to the number of counsellors. We have no doubt the Sanitary authorities are making use of the best forms of disinfectant attainable. Some kinds may be better suited to one purpose, and some to another. Mere white-washing, unless the lime is fresh, is of little use. But what we desire to call attention to refers to the more thorough and permanent disinfection referred to in the Governor's scheme of radical reform. What is the best mode of rooting out the poison from the condemned houses; and what are the most effective means of extirpating the disease for ever from these houses, and from the Colony? If the disease poison resides chiefly in the basement floors, it has been suggested that these should be soaked with kerosene and burnt, before the walls are demolished. The kerosene would soak into the soil sufficiently to kill any poison which could find a lodgment there. Another suggestion has been mentioned which concerns the walls of houses and narrow lanes which intersect the infected district. This is, to utilize the steam fire-engines, from the powerful nozzles of which a stream of water and disinfectant could be played upon the walls, and into all the nooks and crannies of the condemned quarter. A considerable saving of labour would thus be secured, certainly on the lower levels, and the damage to the houses would be a mere nothing. All these or similar precautions would be imperative before condemned houses were demolished; otherwise it is almost certain a repetition of the scourge would result upon the reopening of the ground. We have not heard what steps have been recommended, or what proposals have been discussed. Our only object is to assist, if possible, in the general aim of the Sanitary authorities.

Without discussing the question of an increased water supply for the Colony, it may not be out of place to recall the proposal made in 1879 to erect water-tanks on the higher levels for the extinction of fires. This scheme, like many others of an auxiliary nature, was deemed to have been rendered unnecessary by the completion of the great Tyman Reservoir, and Conduit. That, however, has been amply demonstrated during the last two of three months to be an erroneous conclusion; and it would not be an unwise proceeding to go back to the original idea already referred to, as an adjunct to any scheme for an increased water supply. A full water supply must provide for the extinction of fires, and it requires no great knowledge of fire-extinction to assert with confidence that the first check to a conflagration should come from the fresh-water supply, whatever may be subsequently done with sea-water. Again, the flushing of the drains must be attended to, more especially if the separate system is continued. Tanks erected on the Caine Road and Robinson Road levels would serve the double purpose of flushing the drains during droughts and of supplying fresh water for fires when a scarcity was threatened. Streams exist on the levels referred to from which hundreds of thousands of gallons could be collected in a day during moderately wet weather. Those sources of supply could be stored, apart altogether from any scheme carried out at Pofukuan or Taitam, and no filtering would be necessary for water to be used for flushing or for fire. The consideration of such a scheme ought to form part of any larger measure for a greater water supply than we now possess.

Kong tea-dealers exported 282,678 kins of tea for Canada, Chicago, and New York by the *Empress of Japan*.

A NATIVE paper says that on the 24th May, Lieutenant-Commander Phillips of the British gunboat *Pionier*, arrived at Nanking, and informed the Lung-khang Viceroy that he was sent by the English Admiral to Nanking for the purpose of examining the pugil of the Naval School there.

The Sandakan correspondent of the *Straits Times* writes:—Dr. N. D. Denys has arrived here and has taken up the duties of Protecteur of Immigrants. In addition to the usual duties attached to this office, he will go to China and will assist friendly to come to this country where they can be engaged by planters and others.

The chess editor of the *Japan Mail* writes:—We hear of the establishment of a Chess Club in Hongkong and the members have outlaid a sum for now and always. Curiously enough they seem to choose the name of their session and summer in Hongkong is no joke. We shall be glad to learn how the tournament there results.

The M. M. steamer *Natal* arrived at Singapore on the 6th inst., and it appears, says the *Straits Times*, that the cause of her delay was due to her having to weather a typhoon. The day after leaving Hongkong the *Natal* had to steer a bit out of her course to escape a typhoon; but it was she who got a knocking about. This made her a day late at Cape St. James, where she had to fit out for time on account of the tide.

A MOTION has been lodged with the President, for debate in the Japanese House of Representatives, as follows:—In the civil suit brought by the Japanese Government against the P. & O. S. N. Company for damages for the loss of the *Chishima-kan*, it was stated that the Japanese Government appeared as the plaintiff, representing the Emperor. Thus the Government made use of the name of the Emperor, which was equivalent to making him a party in a suit, in violation of the laws of the Empire. This House therefore votes the action of the Government to have been unlawful and improper. Evidently a majority of Japanese politicians have no knowledge of what to leave well alone. *Yocco News*.

The Municipal Assembly at Yokohama has resolved to represent to the Minister for Home Affairs the necessity for the speedy completion of the Yokohama Harbour Works. The representation refers to the close relation the works have to the trade of Japan, and points out that the half-finished breakwaters constitute a danger and inconvenience to thousands of vessels which come in and out of the port, while at the same time the construction of the Yokohama docks and other important undertakings are delayed by the non-completion of the harbour. The construction of the pier is now almost completed, but it cannot be used until the breakwaters also are finished. The Diet has just refused an appropriation for the completion of the works.

The London *Echo* in a recent number had the following account of the Inspector-General of Customs in China:—A dominant figure at Peking is that of Sir Robert Hart. He has not been to Europe for several years. He says he has not time. He is always at work, and leaves nothing to no one. The result is that the Chinese Customs, of which he is Inspector-General, is one of the most perfect administrations in existence, and is a model of its kind. Sir Robert directs the immense machine, and attends to its smallest spring. The agents under him are automata, moving at a sign. This Irishman, who never laughs and rarely smiles, and listens rather than talks in society, is the King of China. He dominates, not by his position, but by his profound knowledge of the affairs of the Middle Kingdom. He knows what he is worth, and the value of the services he renders to the Empire, and he goes on his way, quite certain that he will be obeyed. He demands respect, but cares nothing for titles. He has absolute independence, and is undisputed master. Contradiction, still less censure, he would not submit to. He is pure of heart, and perhaps rather more learned than the Celestials whom he serves.

Frederick Martin, the famous Kent bowler, has opened the cricket season in remarkable fashion, and even in his great year in 1890 he certainly never met with such success in one week. Last week for the Maybole Club against St. Swithin's in the sensational match, begun and ended in one day, he obtained eleven wickets at a cost of only twenty-nine runs, and for the M.C.C. and Ground against Notts, in the game against the Eastern Club, he obtained twenty-one wickets for fifty-nine runs, an average of less than three runs apiece.

The traffic receipts of the Eastern Extension, Australia, and China Telegraph Company (Limited), for the month of April amounted to £38,602, as against £41,713 in the corresponding period of 1893.

The traffic receipts of the Eastern Telegraph Company for the month of April amounted to £55,751, as against £56,465 in the corresponding period of 1893.

The traffic returns of the Great Northern Telegraph Company show that the receipts in April 1894 amounted to £30,000. From Jan. 1 to April 30 they were £23,000 against £24,000 in the corresponding period of 1893.

AUSTRIA.—You should take to be honest when you leave the table. Little squalor! Should I? I thought from the very moment that had trouble and did not know most about him, but the world never hears what they know, of course.

The costs defrayed so far by the Japanese Government in connection with the Oshima Revenue case are over \$120,000.

THE INSURANCE in Korea is attracting considerable attention in Japan. The Japanese Government may invite the interference of a foreign Power. They consequently urge upon the Japanese Government the necessity of keeping a keen watch over the course of events in the peninsular Kingdom, so that this country may not be forestalled by some other Power in coming to the rescue of the Soul Government.

From the Native papers the *Mercury* learns that on the 2nd inst. a Chinese gentleman hired a steam-boat to take him and his family to Foochow. When they arrived off Ewangtang, with the engine going at full speed, the engineer found that he had let too much water into the boiler. Before he could call out to the fitterman to help him, the boiler exploded, and the steam-launch was blown to pieces. The engineer was blown down on to the roof of a house on the river bank, the top of the launch was blown high up into the air, alighting—nobody knows where, and the fireman was blown into a field about a 50' distant. The passenger and his family, and the remainder of the crew were struggling in the water, but were fortunately saved by some native boats which happened to be near. Three of them were severely injured, and were sent to a Foreign doctor living at Tin-chu-chang, who attended to them.

The following items are taken from the *London and China Express*:

A meeting of the Committee of the China Association was held, we are informed, at the offices of the P. & O. Company on 17th May, at which the advisability of sending a deputation to Lord Rosebery on the subject of the closing of the Indian mints was under consideration.

A smart answer was given the other day by a lady to a politician who remarked that Mr. Asquith's marriage in the morning might lose the Government an important vote on the Budget. "Oh! but he at any rate will have paired," was the reply. In view of the above remark, the statement of the *Daily News* that applications made in the ordinary way to pair Mr. Asquith have met with a negative is amusingly incorrect. Mr. Asquith's application to pair in the ordinary way was, fortunately for him, met with an affirmative.

It is understood that the Admiralty have altered the programme of movements arranged for the *Leander* cruise, which is to be reviewed on the China station by the *Undecked*. It was intended that the *Leander* should return to England to be refitted, and then recommissioned to take the place of the *Champion* on the Pacific station. Now, however, the *Leander* is to meet the *Undecked* at Hongkong, and after receiving drafts of naval ratings to complete her complement, and ammunition and stores, she will proceed direct to Esquimalt where she will undergo her refit. This course has been adopted in view of the fact that the *Champion* has already done over three years of her present commission, whereas, the *Leander* was commissioned at Hongkong as recently as May, 1892.

A series of meetings to celebrate the ninety-ninth anniversary of the London Missionary Society was commenced on 6th May. The first address was given by the Rev. J. Steenhouse, of Peking, China, who enlarged on the teaching given by the missionaries to the Chinese. The Rev. Mr. Stonehouse was followed by several missionaries from various countries, who gave specimens of the different languages by repeating the alphabet and parts of the multiplication table in different tongues, while Mrs. O'Neil, from China, and others sang hymns in various languages.

With regard to the reply received by the Eastern banks from the Secretary of State for India, concerning the claims for compensation made in consequence of the refusal of the Indian Government to receive the silver in transit at the time the mints were closed on June 26 last, we further learn that the banks will now endeavour to attain their object by pressure on the Government through the following motion of which he had given notice:—That, in view of the continued depression in trade and agriculture, and the dislocation of exchanges between gold and silver using countries, it is desirable that a stable par of exchange between silver and gold should be established by international agreement. He desired, however, to bring the subject before the House. Much had happened since it was discussed a year ago. The mints in India and in the United States had been closed to silver, and its price had fallen from 700 to 700 Lamps were in course of installation, some of which have since been connected. Orders for installation of upwards of 60 Lamps have since been received. The number of Are Lamps supplied for Street Lighting remains the same as at the date of the last report. The Plant and Machinery have been maintained in good working order.—I am, Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant,

W. H. DALRYMPLE, Chairman.

The following is the Manager's report:—*London*, on the 30th April, 1893, the number of Lamps installed and supplied from the Company's Incandescent Lighting Plant amounted to 1,143, equivalent to 1,950 Lamps of 8-candie power, and in addition 40 Lamps were in course of installation. I have now to report that on the 30th April, 1894, the number of Lamps installed and connected to the Company's main amounted to about 1,400, equivalent to 2,240 Lamps of 8-candie power. In addition to the above, some 700 to 800 Lamps were in course of installation, some of which have since been connected. Orders for installation of upwards of 60 Lamps have since been received. The number of Are Lamps supplied for Street Lighting remains the same as at the date of the last report. The Plant and Machinery have been maintained in good working order.—I am, Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant,

W. H. WICKHAM, Manager.

The following are the statistics for the twenty-four hours to noon to-day—

By Kennedy Tung
gas. Town. Wk. Ch. Total
Admissions 5 51 32 82
Discharges 1 40 24 20
Under Treatment 9 40 24 20

THE PLAGUE IN HONGKONG.

As will be seen from the official statistics published below there is to-day a substantial decrease in the number of admissions to the Hospitals of patients suffering from plague. There is very little diminution in the per centage of deaths. The Permanent Committee did not sit an usual this afternoon, and no information has come to hand regarding the work of the staff. The transference of patients from the Hospitals to the junks was commenced this afternoon under the supervision of Dr. Lewson.

Order to avoid sanitary difficulties in Singapore the German mail steamer *Bayern* instead of loading in Hongkong will call at Foochow (Pagoda Anchorage) where she will ship upwards of 1000 tons of tea. The *Nürnberg* will also proceed to Foochow to tranship all her Japan cargo destined for Europe into the *Bayern*. It will be remembered that on the last trip from Japan the *Nürnberg* went to Shanghai to tranship her cargo for Europe into the *Prussian*; on this occasion the port of transhipment will be Foochow.

A correspondent writes from Macao to-day:—It is a source of great pleasure that I write to inform you that Macao not a single case of plague has been reported.

The authorities are, nevertheless, as vigilant as ever. On the arrival of the steamers from Hongkong and Canton the passengers

GRAN, THE DANDY, OH!
Here's a letter from dear old Gran-dy, oh!
With his morsels, his bottle of brandy, oh!
He visits the door
Of his plague-stricken poor
And gosses, at which he's a dandy, oh!

Now's the time if he's really a man-dy, oh!
With his money to make himself handy, oh!
And throw it away
At so much a day
On his hovels in Tipingahan-dy, oh!

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report of the Board of Directors to be presented to the fifth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders to be held at the Company's Offices (Queen's Road) at noon on Monday, the 26th inst. —

DIRECTORS.—Your Directors have the pleasure to submit the Company's accounts for the year ending 30th April last, and they can again point to a steady progress in the Company's business, the Working Account showing a Transfer of £6,100,94, which, transferred to Profit and Loss Account, leaves it with a balance to the Credit of £7,248,47; while the amount overdrawn at the Company's Bankers has, during the year, been reduced from £12,267,17 to £6,399,97. There has been hardly that rapid extension of the Company's operations which your Directors had hoped for, still there is a steady increase in the amount of House-lighting, and the benefit from the installations now being fitted will soon be showing itself in the earnings. Notice has been given that Shares on which the Calls have not been paid will be dealt with according to the articles of Association.

The Manager's Report is, as usual, annexed, and shows the increase in the supply of the incandescent light, and the installations now in progress. There has been a smaller amount of installation work done during the year, also, as follows.

Directors.—The Directors regret the death of Mr. J. S. Esplin, which occurred during the year; the funeral that created has not been paid. Hon. C. P. Chater and Hon. J. J. Kewell retire by rotation, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. J. Ross Anton and J. O. Peter, in the place of Mearns G. Stewart, absent from the Colony, and H. Hunter, and they offer themselves for re-election.

H. L. DALRYMPLE, Chairman.

Hongkong, 7th June, 1894.

the public had had the advantage of the enormous fall of prices. This might to some extent account for the elasticity in the income-tax returns, but he maintained that the distributing trades were not nearly so vital to a nation as the producing trades—(see, here). For twenty years past prices had been falling, until now there was an average fall of over 40 per cent. This state of things was not popular in the United Kingdom, but was equally present on the Continent and in the United States.

The principal reason of all this distress and trouble was the appreciation of gold caused by the demonetization of silver.

The effect of the fall of 40 per cent. in prices had been to nearly double the weight of mortgages and monetary burdens of all kinds. This was a confiscation of the capital of the industrial classes for the benefit of the money-lending classes. There had been for the last twenty years a sort of conspiracy of unintentional misrepresentation on this question among the writers of the City articles in the morning papers, investigated by financiers. But the conspiracy was now being unmasted, and those who had joined in it were finding that selflessness was a short-sighted policy. As to the ratio which was the crux of the situation, he said, speaking for himself, that he did not believe it was possible to go back to the ratio of 16 to 1. Prices had adjusted themselves to the new level and trade to the new circumstances, though he should be unable to succeed in reconstructing the old bimetallic system if there were a ratio of 22 to 1.

Mr. Knox supported the motion, and dealt with the question from the point of view of the Irish peasant farmer, who was a man with something always to pay every year to the landlord or the State, which increased year by year. Everything that could be done had been done to produce the appreciation of gold.

At this point attention was called to the state of the House, and, there being only thirty-four members present, the House stood adjourned at 10.25 p.m.

NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

HOLIDAY MONUMENS.

London, May 26.—The Queen's Birthday Parade contains the following:—

Field Marshals—Sir Donald Stewart and Lord Wolseley have been made Field Marshals.

To be G. C. B.—General Sir Robert Bright, Sir R. Phayre, Sir Charles Palliser, Sir Charles Arbuthnot, and Sir Redvers Buller.

To be K. C. B.—General Sir Jas. Brown, James

